

WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Wigfall presented the petition of Sam Jordan ; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Russell, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported

A bill for the relief of the Texas Western Railroad Company.

A bill in relation to water courses and privileges, and

A joint resolution relative to the impeachment of the Hon. Jno. C. Watrous, now pending before the United States Congress—correctly engrossed.

Mr. Taylor, of Houston, Chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported

A bill to incorporate the West Fork Mill Company.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Jesse Boykin, deceased ; and

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the European and American Colonization Society in Texas—correctly enrolled, properly signed, and the first two bills were presented on yesterday, and the other to-day to the Governor.

Mr. Taylor, of Cass, made the following report :

The committee on Public Debt, to which was referred a bill for the heirs of S. O. Pennington, have considered the same, and find that the bill proposes to make an appropriation to pay the heirs of said Pennington for certain audited drafts against the late Republic of Texas, which drafts issued in the years 1836 and 1837. The principal and interest, amounting to \$3,819. The only evidence before the committee, is the original vouchers for those drafts, now on file in the Court of Claims. There is no evidence to the effect, but there is great probability that these drafts have been paid, as the Treasury office was destroyed by fire in 1844, in which fire all drafts paid up to that time were consumed ; and as the Congress of the Republic made large appropriations for the domestic debt, to which these drafts belonged, it is quite probable that they were paid, and that the evidence of payment was destroyed by said fire. The committee think that the passage of the bill might lead ultimately to the payment of all audited drafts which issued, and were paid before the Treasury building was

consumed by fire, in 1844. I am, therefore, instructed to recommend the rejection of the bill.

Mr. Pirkey made the following reports:

The committee on Public Lands have considered a bill to authorize the sale and settlement of the alternate sections of land reserved to the State in Fisher's and Miller's Colony, and to repeal a portion of an act to secure to the German Emigration Company and their colonists the lands to which they are entitled, &c., and instruct me to recommend the passage of the same.

The committee on Public Lands have considered the petition of Henry P. Hill, and a majority of the committee instruct me to recommend its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Wigfall introduced a bill to prohibit the issue of land scrip at a less price than one dollar per acre, except in certain cases; read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to authorize the sale of the public domain—special order for the day—was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the bill was amended by striking out in section 5, line 10, the words "*the same price*," and insert in lieu thereof, "one dollar per acre."

Mr. Walker moved to amend by striking out "one dollar" whenever it occurred in the bill and inserting in lieu thereof, "sixty cents."

On motion of Mr. Potter, the amendment was laid on the table, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Burroughs, Caldwell, Fall, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, McCulloch, Pirkey, Potter, Shepard, Stockdale, Taylor, of Fannin, Throckmorton and Wigfall—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Lott, Maverick, Russell, Taylor, of Cass, Taylor, of Houston, Truitt, Walker and Wren—9.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Burroughs, Caldwell, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, McCulloch, Pirkey, Potter, Shepard, Stockdale, Taylor, of Fannin, Taylor, of Houston, Throckmorton and Wigfall—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Lott, Maveick, Russell, Taylor, of Cass, Truitt, Walker and Wren—8.

A bill for the relief of Mary A. Collins, read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Britton, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

The resolution of the House, raising a joint committee, to enquire into the number and salaries of the employees in the various departments of the State Government, and report upon the expediency of alterations, &c., was read and concurred in by the Senate.

Messrs. Taylor, of Cass, and Maverick were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

A bill to secure a speedy trial to parties accused of criminal offences in certain cases, with the report of the Judiciary committee, recommending that it be laid on the table, was read and the report adopted.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents upon locations made upon Kemper's Island, on the Guadalupe river, was read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Zippore Whitesides and the heirs of Henry Whitesides, was read, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, of Cass, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Marilla Prince, with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims, offering an amendment thereto, was read, amendment rejected, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Cass, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the Governor to draw the arms and accoutrements to which the State of Texas is entitled, from the United States Government; read, and on motion of Mr. Graham recommitted to the committee on the Militia.

The report of the Judiciary committee on the bill to prohibit the location, survey and patenting of certain certificates issued under the provision of the act of February 10, 1852, relating to lands in Peters' Colony, was read, and on motion of Mr. Caldwell, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary upon a bill to incorporate the Tellico Manufacturing Company, offering

amendments thereto, was read, amendments adopted and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Fall, Erath, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Shepard, Stockdale, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Truitt, Walker, Wigfall and Wren—24.

NAYS.—None.

A bill to incorporate the Lynchburg Steam Saw Mill and Ship Yard Company, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering amendments thereto, was read, amendments adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Britton, Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, McCulloch, Maverick, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Stockdale, Taylor, of Cass, Taylor, of Houston, Truitt, Wigfall and Wren—22.

A bill to create the county of Throckmorton, read and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Erath, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill for the relief of Jose Maria Gonzales, read, and on motion of Mr. Caldwell, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill for the relief of Jno. J. E. Gregory, with the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims, recommending its passage, was read, and on motion of Mr. Guinn, re-committed with instructions to the Chairman to report the facts of the case.

A bill for the relief of Wm. DeWoody, read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts on the petition of D. Walsh, recommending its rejection, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.